



CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Senator Andrea Stillman, Co-Chair Public Safety & Security Committee

Representative Stephan Dargan, Co-Chair Public Safety & Security Committee

Subject: **SENATE BILL #195**

The Connecticut State Firefighters Association (CSFA) wishes to go on record as being in favor of **Raised Senate Bill #195, AN ACT CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF REGIONAL FIRE SCHOOLS**. Our Association represents approximately 27,000 career and volunteer firefighters in the State of Connecticut.

The Education Committee of the Connecticut State Firefighters Association is made up of the Directors of all of the Regional Fire Training Schools, along with the State Fire Administrator, and representation of two Commissioners of the State Commission on Fire Prevention & Control.

This legislative initiative has been proposed in consultation with the State Fire Administrator and our Education Committee. We concur with the language changes within Sections 1-5 of the bill. It is our opinion that this only codifies present practice.

The language of sections 6 & 7 of the bill pertain to the actual title of the bill. We would concur with that language if the substitute language within the testimony of the State Fire Administrator is included. This would satisfy the concerns of some members of the Education Committee.

We thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ted Schroll, Legislative Representative
Connecticut State Firefighters Association